

Introduction

HELLO MEMBERS!

It's been a great year at the SBTC, as we have had three very successful events thus far. The first was the Super Bowl Party at the beginning of February; if you missed it this year, there was a lot of talk about doing it again in 2016! We also had our Club Doubles Tournament and our first ever Pickleball Round Robin Tournament. With the participation and support we saw, we're off on the right foot.

The SBTC is undergoing both large and minor upgrades; these include the court scorekeepers being refurbished, new black trays on the courts for tennis balls and drinks, and centerpieces on the tables in the clubhouse. I don't think you can miss the guard shack being removed at the front gate, soon to be replaced with new fencing, a new mailbox, and a bicycle rack to make the center more inviting. Our new ping pong table has arrived and it is great to see all the use it is getting by both the kids and adults. Once everyone gets their ping pong game back we will have a tournament! We have a few more projects that we are determining the feasibility of, so keep your eyes open for what's to come!

If I haven't given you your 4 guest passes for the year, please start asking me. We are also starting to organize a player preference notebook so we get a better idea of who our players are, as well as what and when they like to play. This will be a great resource for both new members and groups needing a 4th player!

The Pacific Sun League will be forming teams over the next few months for the 2015-2016 season. The Seal Beach Tennis Center hosts B2, C3, D3 and Senior 2 teams. Please contact me at bdanielson@sealbeachtenniscenter.com for more info. A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to our B2 team for receiving the 2014-15 Team Sportsmanship Award in the Pacific Sun Tennis League! We are so proud of our players!

New players are always welcome at the Seal Beach Tennis Center! - Brenda

Check It Out!

Charity Tennis Tournament - Long Beach Bar Foundation

Join the fun for some challenging competition, camaraderie, BBQ and beverages at a private tennis club to support an important charity dedicated to divert first time youth offenders from a life of crime.

All profits go to Shortstop Foundation. www.4lbbf.org

When: Saturday, May 16

Time: 10:30am—1:30pm

Where: Seal Beach Tennis Center

What: Men's, Women's or Mixed Doubles Tournament

Donation: \$30 per player

For more information call:

Board Member & Chair, **Marty Eisenberg** (562) 805-7777

Executive Director, **Carolyn Bell** (562) 981-7525

USTA Junior Team Tennis

Sign up for the fun with summer USTA Junior Team Tennis that will begin mid-June. The Seal Beach Tennis Center will have 18 and under, 14 and under, and 12 and under tennis teams. Space is limited so sign up today! Contact Brenda Danielson at (714) 345-0945 or bdanielson@sealbeachtenniscenter.com for more information.

Junior Tennis Weekly Summer Camps

Plan your kids tennis camp weeks today. The Seal Beach Tennis Center will have 1 week tennis camps from 9:00-12:00pm, Monday through Friday, June 15-August 21. The fee is \$195 per week, ages 6-17, with a 10% discount for second and third siblings. All players will receive a t-shirt! Daily drop-ins are welcome at \$45 a day. From first time beginners to ranked and competitive players, the SBTC caters to all levels. Our USTA certified instructors focus on teaching proper technique and fundamentals in an atmosphere that emphasizes fun as well as results. We have racquets for sale in the pro-shop and will gladly help find players the correct size. For more information contact the Seal Beach Tennis Center at (562) 598-8624 or Mickey Yelverton, at (562) 533-4997 or cm34@hotmail.com

World Team Tennis (WTT)

Make your summer tennis plans now. Our Wednesday night 3.0-4.0 WTT matches will begin May 27th. You may sign up as an individual or with a partner, please contact Arlo Taylor at (562) 425-9595 or email wtarlo@gmail.com.

If you would like to field your own team for summer play, please contact Brenda Danielson at bdanielson@sealbeachtenniscenter.com

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SEAL BEACH TENNIS PLAYER PREFERENCE CARD

If you have not already, please turn in your player preference information for our club file. We hope by creating a match up file, we can improve our ability to match player levels and preferred playing times when needed. The key to this being successful is by all members filling out the form. The form has been sent by email (please let us know if we do not have your correct email).

Tennis Tips

This quarter, we will talk about serves and serve returns- two of the most important shots in the game of tennis! If you miss either, you are potentially giving away 25% of the game score.

SERVES: Drop the racquet down your back, reach for the ball, watch the racquet hit the ball, and aim your strings where you want the ball to go. When you think about these fundamentals, it keeps you focused on the ball, rather than the worry competition can cause. Hit wide, down the middle or jam the player by hitting at them.

RETURNING SERVE: Adjust to your opponents serve; if they serve soft, move in, return deep, and follow your shot to the net. If they serve hard, move back and get the ball in play. Move to the net when you can.

Keep the ball away from the net player by returning cross-court; lob, down the line if they move to the middle. Let your opponents know you can make these shots, it will keep them guessing.

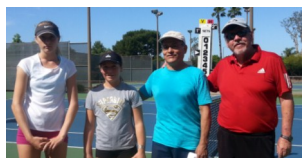


SBTC Pickleball



The Pickleball Tournament was a great success! The tournament utilized 6 courts with 24 players, and another dozen on the sidelines watching. A big thank you to all who came to participate and support! The SBTC will definitely host another pickleball tournament again soon!

Club Doubles



The Club Doubles Championships were held March 28-29, with the participation of 17 teams! All enjoyed the competition, Saul's famous Bar-B-Q and great conversation. Big thanks to the members who did not play but came out to support!

Group 1: Mustafa Altuner & Steve Schfavian defeated Bob Ripple & Mark Schmucker. To make it to the finals, we had to do a count of games when Bob Ripple & Mark Schmucker were tied with Phil Ramsdale & Marty Eisenberg in games won.

Group 2: Due to a scheduling conflict, Hector Huffington/ Jorje Lara co-won with Nick Vogt & Kris Vogt.

Group 3: Dennis Dill & Dante A defeated Merrit DuBourdieu & Catt MacEachern.

Women's Tennis

Women's Doubles Tennis League begins May 5th and 6th and runs for 8 weeks; play begins at 9:00am. The league is a great way to keep your competitive game sharp, meet new friends and play at the Seal Beach Tennis Center. No partners needed and space is limited, so sign up soon! Please contact Brenda Danielson with any questions at bdanielson@sealbeachtenniscenter.com

LEVELS

Tuesday (May 5 - June 23): 4.0+ (B-2 players)

Wednesday: (May 6 - June 24): 3.5-4.0 (C-3 & SR-2)

Wednesday (May 6 - June 24): D-2 players

FORMAT

Competitive Round Robin Doubles
(1 set played with each player on court)

COST

Members: \$25

Non-Members: \$75

SUBS ARE WELCOME!

Member Subs: \$5

Non-Member Subs: \$10

Fees cover banquet party, prizes & tennis balls

SBTC EVENTS

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Club Doubles Tournament

Saturday, July 11

Matches being @ 8am

Saul's Famous BBQ @ 11am

\$10

Pickleball Tournament

Sunday, June 28

11:30am—2:30pm

Student of the Month

The Seal Beach Junior Tennis Academy is acknowledging one student each month for the extra effort they put in to their tennis game. These young players can be an inspiration to all of us! Be sure to congratulate them on their hard work when you see them at the tennis center.

McKenna Lee



McKenna is one of the quiet, yet hard workers on the tennis court. She is dedicated to both her tennis and the SBTC academy. She also plays on the 14 and under SBTC USTA JR Team Tennis.

Mina Mizitani



Mina is not all that big in stature but she sure hits a hard tennis ball consistently. Mina plays on the Los Al High School tennis team and on the 18 and under SBTC USTA JR Team Tennis.

Charlotte Casty



Charlotte has such spirit and drive for the game of tennis. She is a delight to have in the academy and sets a great example for others to follow. Nothing is going to stop Charlotte from achieving her goals in the game of tennis.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH